

FAST KATY TRAIN DITCHED

Texas Special From St. Louis Wrecked Near Rentiesville, Ok.

Muskogee, Ok., Jan. 7.—Four Pullman and two combination coaches of the Texas Special left the rails and turned completely over early this morning between Oktaha and Rentiesville, but not a passenger or member of the crew was dangerously injured. This is the fast train between St. Louis and Galveston recently put into service. It was all steel equipment. The train was late and running sixty-five miles an hour. A front coach left the rails and five others followed.

There were approximately 250 people on the train, most of them asleep in their berths. Aside from being badly shaken up and bruised by the rolling coaches, none was injured. Thirty-eight steel rails were ripped off the roadbed, twisted and broken, and three thousand ties displaced. Traffic cannot be resumed over the line for twenty-four hours.

HUNT—HEWLETT

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of the groom's parents at Paden, Okla., on December 22. The contracting parties were Mr. Guy A. Hunt, of Paden, Okla., and Miss Bonnie Hewlett of this place.

Mr. Hunt is a merchant of Paden. Mrs. Hunt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hewlett of Verona and the years she has lived among us has made her many warm friends, who join us in extending to the happy couple our congratulations. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hunt left for Galveston, San Antonio and other points.—Verona Advocate.

A GIRL A CHAMPION RIFLE SHOT

Elizabeth Dean, a 16-year-old high school girl in Cambridge, Mass., by shooting thirty-one consecutive bull's-eyes on a 300-yard rifle range with a regulation army Springfield rifle, has set a world's record for a girl. Miss Dean went to the Massachusetts rifle range at Wakefield, Mass., with her uncle, Lieut. Harry J. Dugane, Company A. Eighth Massachusetts Regiment, M. V. M., and without a shoulder pad, thrice fired the ten shots allowed her for each round, and scored perfect bull's-eyes. The thirty-first shot was a hit, but on the next she just touched the ring nearest the center of the target and thus stopped. She was surrounded by an admiring crowd of soldiers and marines who watched her work.

WOMAN'S UNION MEETS

The Woman's Union of the Presbyterian church held the first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. A. S. Hawkins, Friday afternoon. There was a good attendance.

Plans for the next year's work were discussed. The Union is divided into two sections with Mrs. J. J. Davis as the president of section 1 and Mrs. A. Cole, president of section 2. Mrs. A. S. Hawkins is the president of the general society.

A good program was given at the meeting and refreshments were served.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Eldon Sandifer Joplin
Sadie Kelly Joplin
Bert Purkett Joplin
Mrs. Alma Purkett Joplin
W. T. McKee Joplin
Mrs. Rebecca Carmichael Joplin
G. M. McBea Neosho
Maggie Smith Joplin
William Morris Joplin
Alice McDougal Galena, Kas.

MRS. JENNIE COX DEAD

Mrs. Jennie Cox, formerly wife of Thornton Cox, died at Cassville, Wednesday, January 5, age 38 years. She had been ill for the past eighteen months with tuberculosis.

Interment was made at Monett, her former home.

OLATHE GETS BIG WAR ORDER

Olathe, Kan., Jan. 8.—The Hadley Milling Company of Olathe will supply the Allies with 330,000 pounds of Kansas flour, to be delivered at Newport News for shipment January 25. The order was placed through Cross & Son of New York. The milling company, of which Herbert Hadley, former governor of Missouri is principal stockholder, is running on a 24-hour shift to fill the order.

WOMEN DEMOCRATS IN SESSION

National Organization Began Fourth Annual Convention in Washington

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Woman's National Democratic League began its fourth annual convention here today with delegates from throughout the country present. Chief events on the day's program include the reading of greetings from President Wilson and an address by Speaker Clark on "Democracy Today." Mrs. William A. Cullop, wife of Representative Cullop of Indiana, president of the league, and Senators Phelan and Walsh also were down for addresses.

The league will form plans for aiding the Democratic national committee in the coming presidential campaign.

MEEKER WON'T DENY

WIFE IS ESTRANGED

Springfield, Jan. 7.—Jacob E. Meeker, Republican congressman from the Tenth Missouri District, last night in Washington, D. C., authorized the correspondent for The Republic to say that he did not deny that he and Mrs. Meeker, who is living in St. Louis, are estranged. He added it had been known for six months among his intimate friends that he and his wife have been living separately in St. Louis.

While here he has resided recently at the American Annex Hotel, while she is at 2923A Geyer avenue.

Mrs. Meeker, however, when questioned at the Geyer avenue address, refused to affirm or deny the separation.

GRAND JURY INDICTS

WIFE AND HOUSEMAN IN JENKINS MURDER

Pine Bluff, Ark., Jan. 5.—The grand jury late this afternoon returned indictments charging T. S. Brabury with the murder of P. G. Jenkins, wealthy planter of Sherrill, this county, and accusing Mrs. Jenkins, the widow, as an accessory.

Jenkins was shot while on the porch of his home at night two weeks ago. Brabury, employed as houseman by Jenkins, had been staying at the Jenkins home. Mrs. Jenkins was arrested after the indictment today.

Mrs. Jenkins is 40 years old. She was the wife of an employee of Jenkins. About four years ago her husband killed himself and later she married Jenkins. Jenkins the day before his death ordered a \$1000 diamond ring as a New Year's present for his wife.

VERONA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hultgren and children spent last Tuesday visiting relatives in Monett.

Mrs. H. B. Collins is spending a few days visiting her daughter Mrs. Williams in Monett.

Mr. Jerd Woodfill, president of the Lawrence Co. W. & L. Co., had their engineer, Mr. W. S. Merkle of St. Louis, making survey at the Spring Monday. The data is for the fish hatchery commission which will make soon their third visit to Verona.

John A. Pachhofer has bought the Chas. Rickett's 10 acre farm west of town and is preparing to have a well drilled on the same and other improvements made.—Advocate.

An Atchison business man called a new salesman into his office and said unto him, "When a plumber makes a mistake he charges twice for it. When a lawyer makes a mistake it's just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again. When a doctor makes a mistake he buries it. When a preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference. But you're going to try to be a salesman and when a salesman makes a mistake it means a bereavement for the house."—Kansas City Star.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Mrs. John Walsh was hostess to the Friday Afternoon Club, Friday, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Mrs. Lawrence Welch and Mrs. Walsh received the prizes.

Those attending were Mesdames P. J. Heyburn, John Dwyer, Thos. Markwell, Minnie Werren, Lawrence Welch, T. J. Dwyer, Jim Heyburn, George Edgar, Paul Ruskoski, Louis Tucker, W. D. Randall, Fred Campbell, James Mansfield and Claude White.

The club will be entertained next week by Mrs. Fred Campbell.

HEALTH GUARDS

Furnished by the Department of Preventive Medicine, University of Missouri, Columbia.

DIPHTHERIA

Diphtheria is a contagious disease caused by the bacillus diphtheria. Persons in perfect health may get the bacillus in their throats many times and not take the disease. On the other hand, no matter how weak or run-down one may be, he will not have diphtheria unless the bacillus is present. The germ comes from a person affected with diphtheria or from one who, without showing any signs of the disease, carries the germ in the throat or nose. Such is called a diphtheria carrier.

The germs are found only in the throat and nose of persons affected and produce a toxin which is absorbed in the blood, causing the symptoms and effects of the disease. The germs leave such a person in the sputum and in the spray from coughing and sneezing. Even forceful talking must cause minute droplets of secretion to be emitted.

The smaller droplets will float for some distance in the air of an average room. Well persons are affected chiefly by getting droplets and the contained germs into their throats. Children, having little sense of cleanliness, usually put playthings into their mouths. If children play together and one is affected with diphtheria, the others are likely to get the germs from the sick one in this way.

School rooms and gathering places where many persons are assembled in a close, poorly-ventilated room aid in the spread of the disease. At this season of the year, when many persons travel on crowded trains and many get together at celebrations and meetings, the danger of getting the disease is much increased. No one with a cold or sore throat should attend public gatherings. Any one getting a cold or sore throat should have the trouble diagnosed and treated by a physician. Children complaining of colds or sore throat should have medical attention at once.

If used in time, diphtheria toxin will quickly cure diphtheria. The greater the time elapsing before the toxin is used, the less is the chance for recovery. Untreated and late-treated cases are very fatal. Diphtheria toxin for a short time also prevents well persons' becoming affected and should be used on every well member of a family in which there is a case of diphtheria.

RABBI HARRISON PLEADS

FOR SUFFERING JEWS

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—A plea for the suffering Jews of Europe was made by Rabbi Leon Harrison of St. Louis, to the Federation of Jewish Charities at its annual dinner here last night. Rabbi Harrison told of the courage of the Jews in the vanguard of the Russian army, and said that their wives, fathers and sisters were insulted in the very country for which they were fighting.

The greatest war of history is raging now," he said. "In the awful area swept by cannon fire on either side of the battle front between Teuton and Slav are nearly six million Jews. Half a million Polish Jews wander in beggary today. Their plight is beyond description."

ANNUAL MEETING

MONETT STATE BANK

The stockholders of the Monett State Bank met Monday in annual session.

The report showed a satisfactory increase in business over that of any previous year and all officers and directors were re-elected.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

A. H. Schmidtko Mt. Vernon
Vera L. Reitz Mt. Vernon
Clifford A. Brown Miller
Neva Jones Miller
Norwood Heagerty Halltown
Fayma Williams Paris Springs
Lester F. Sprague Aurora
Pearl A. Woodling Aurora
Charles Howard Marionville
Bonnie Forester Marionville

The marriage of Miss Erma Mayhew to Mr. Erven Thomas will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayhew, north of town, January 19.

NO SHIP BILL SCANDAL

Charge That Wilson and Bryan Were Acting for Foreign Interests Declared Baseless—A Rap for Colonel Roosevelt

Washington, Jan. 6.—Charges circulated at the last session of Congress that administration officials acted in the interest of foreign business firms in urging the passage of the Government Ship Purchase Bill were held to be baseless in majority and minority reports filed today by the Senate committee appointed to investigate them. Both reports also found the shipping interests blameless of illegal activity in opposition to the measure.

The majority denounced Theodore Roosevelt for failing to appear before the committee to testify concerning his published assertion that President Wilson and Secretary Bryan had endeavored, in the interest of certain foreign business firms, to secure for the United States the power to purchase the interned ships of one of the belligerents. The charge, the report said, had its origin "in that ungenerous trait of the human mind which makes it prone to attribute unworthy motives to redoubtable rivals and particularly political antagonists."

Bad Habits

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

REV. J. S. ALLEN DEAD

Rev. J. S. Allen, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at Monett, died at Rolla, Tuesday, January 4, after an illness of three days with pneumonia. The funeral took place Friday, Rev. Dr. Samuel E. Ewing, superintendent of the St. Louis Baptist Board of Missions, officiating.

Work gloves at Gulick's. Try a pair of Fireman's Specials. Mr. Allen is survived by his wife and five children.

Mr. Allen had served pastorates at Pacific, Eureka, Rolla, Fulton and Monett.

Edgar Kaiser, who has been bookkeeper for some years, was elected assistant cashier.

Miss Enlah Majors spent Sunday in Purdy, the guest of relatives.

Andy Crawford, of Aurora, was in town on business, Monday.

W. L. Williams, of Springfield, was in town, Monday.

Robert Perry is again ill with an abscess in the head.

C. T. Thompson and family, of Rogers, Ark. spent Sunday in Monett.

Ira Crawford has returned from a few days' visit in Aurora.

E. Edwards of Kansas City, was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Arthur Fuld, of St. Louis, visited Mr. and Mrs. Mace Jacques, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius L. Coe, of Joplin, spent Sunday at the Jones hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gurley, of Clovis, N. M., were in town on business, Monday.

Misses Minnie Richards and Cory Aulgur spent Sunday in Purdy with friends.

Mrs. Geo. Morrow went to Neosho this afternoon to visit her mother, Mrs. Sheffer, who is ill.

The Loyal Daughters of the Baptist church will be entertained Thursday afternoon by Miss Flora Dehanas. Miss Dehanas will be assisted by Miss Catherine Skouby.

Joe L. Harvey, of Dallas, Tex., was one of a few Masons, who were successful in taking examination for proficiency in the Blue Lodge work of the state of Texas. There was a large number examined but only a few were perfect in the work. The examination took place at Waco.

The Habit of Taking Cold

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degrees F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

SEEING AND BEING SEEN

Mrs. C. Lewis and Mrs. B. A. Beckham, visited in Aurora, Monday.

E. Folger made a business trip to Mount Vernon, Friday.

Mrs. J. R. Burton, of Neosho, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Drew Taylor. Peter Heyburn, Sr., who has been very ill, is improving.

Miss Mamie Counts has returned from a short visit at Purdy.

Elmer Meador went to Joplin on business, Monday.

W. S. Brite, who has been visiting at Monett and vicinity, went to Peirce City, Monday, to visit relatives.

Mrs. Ben Henderson, of near Purdy was in town, Monday.

Claud Woolsey has returned to Fairfield, Ia., where he has a position in the high school.

Misses Helen Hudson and Pearl Vermillion spent Sunday in Butterfield with Miss Hudson's mother.

Charles Selsor, father of Frank Selsor, died at Carthage, Sunday morning. He was 53 years old.

Willis Lehnhard visited Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends at Neosho.

Misses Bailey and Mary Schirmer, of east of town, were shopping here, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gieske are the parents of an eleven and a half pound daughter, born January 7.

Dr. A. Jones reports the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mulkey north of town, January 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Montie Gardner have taken rooms in Steve Mueller's house on Frisco Avenue.

The local option election case taken from Barry to Barton county will be called at Lamar January 14.

Dr. George Northcutt and Miss Ouida Northcutt, of Washburn, were in town, Monday.

Three things can make a fool out of a man: A woman, booze and an automobile. It used to be women, wine and race horses.—Atchison Globe.

Rev. Father Kilkenny, who has been ill, for some time, was able to conduct services at St. Lawrence Church, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clinton returned Monday morning to their home at Carthage, after a visit with relatives here.

W. S. Brite, of Wagner, Okla., is in the city for a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. T. E. Brite and other relatives.

Mrs. W. W. Lehnhard and Miss Helen Lehnhard went to Neosho Friday evening. Mr. Lehnhard will go Saturday evening.

Mrs. George Cope writes us to send her times to Woodley Place, R. F. D. 11, Anderson, Ind. The Copes have purchased a farm near Anderson.

Mrs. Wash Goodnight, who was operated upon at the Southwest hospital in Springfield, Tuesday, is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Fred Folger, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bert McCaslin, returned to her home near Exeter, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Beymer went to Joplin, Saturday called there by the illness of Grover Beymer, Mr. Beymer's brother.

Mr. Pat Dewine and Mrs. Harry Smith visited in Peirce City, Friday.

Tom Tucker, who has been visiting relatives for a few days, returned to Joplin Saturday.

Miss Audrey Kelley, went to Purdy Saturday morning to visit over Sunday with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Kelley. Miss Mamie Counts accompanied her home.

Lester Howell and George Lipe shipped their prize Partridge Wyandotte chickens to Kansas City, Saturday. They will be exhibited at the poultry show, which begins there, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burrows, of Des Moines, Ia., who have been visiting in Peirce City, visited friends here between trains, Saturday. They were on their way to Springfield to visit friends before going to Florida to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Charles Carney, of Ft. Worth, Tex., was operated upon for appendicitis at Dr. West's hospital, Thursday afternoon. The family was moving from Texas to Chicago and Mrs. Carney became ill enroute. Her case demanding prompt action, she was taken off the train here and operated upon at once.

Mrs. Pat Dewine visited in Springfield, Sunday.

Mrs. August Anderson, of Clobe, was shopping here, Monday.

John Balmas, of near Purdy, was in town on business, Monday.

Chas. Scott, of Springfield, visited in Monett Sunday evening.

Mrs. Claud Breidenthal is quite sick.

Miss Aileen Hudson, of Butterfield, is visiting her sister, Miss Helen Hudson, a few days.

Mrs. Pleas Richardson, of Mount Vernon, spent Sunday with H. P. S. Burke and family.

Mrs. James Roller returned to her home at Joplin, Thursday, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. John Elliott.

Miss Reitha Faulkner returned to her home at Aurora, Monday morning, after a visit with friends here.

O. D. Duncan and Miss Hazel Wyatt, of Wheaton were married January 1.

Fred E. Towers and Eula G. Hickman, of Aurora, were married Wednesday.

Little Miss Emma Maher daughter of Ed Maher is quite sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. Georgi Lewis left Friday night for her home at LaCygne, Kan., after a visit in Monett.

Floyd Huffman, Tony Dieterich and Ralph Armstrong visited in Peirce City, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Russell, of Lockwood, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Winton.

Will Watson, who was recently operated upon for appendicitis, is getting along nicely.

Mrs. W. H. P. Murphy and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller, of Peirce City, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Miller.

Dr. Oatney Miller, of Fayetteville, Ark., was in town between trains, Monday, on his way to Peirce City, his old home.

Mrs. J. J. Baggot, of Fayetteville, visited here between trains, Saturday evening, on her way to Oklahoma City.

Miss Julia Zellner, a niece of Mrs. T. L. Harvey, visited here Saturday evening on her way to Nashville, to attend school.

Ed Ash, who had a light attack of small pox, has been released from quarantine and was down town, Saturday.

Ellis Hilton has finished J. G. Smith's new building and will begin work this week on a six room frame dwelling at Elsey for Mrs. J. E. Tyhurst, of Monett.—Crane Chronicle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McIntire have gone to Pittsburg, Kan. Mr. McIntire who is brakeman for the Frisco is taking a lay-off on account of sickness.

Miss Helen Jerome, who formerly lived here, has accepted the position of society editor on the Joplin News Herald, and will make her home with her brother, C. L. Jerome and family.—Peirce City Leader.

Tom Hibarger and family moved back to Barry county the first of the week from the southwest corner of Arkansas. They came back on account of ill health. They now live within four miles of Wheaton.—Wheaton Journal.

A. B. Strain, of Tower Grove, will move to Monett in a short time. He is to have second trick of the Frisco telegraph at this place. Mr. Strain formerly lived here.

Frisco Assistant Superintendents W. H. Bevans, of Ft. Smith, Ark., C. T. Mason, of Springfield and B. S. Shirk, of Enid, Okla., were in town on business, Monday.

Joe Beymer came home Monday from Joplin, where he had been with his brother, Grover Beymer, who is very ill. Dr. Florence Drake accompanied him back to Joplin to attend the sick man.

Mrs. John Saxo departed Sunday morning for Fort Scott, Kan., where she will make her home with her mother, Mrs. Kreyer. She stopped in Joplin enroute for a few days visit with her brother.

Rev. James Miller, of Sulphur Springs, Ark., delivered two excellent addresses at the Christian church, Sunday. He will conduct services there Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, and also Sunday morning. A good audience is desired and no one who attends will be disappointed.